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patience mee may possesse our soules, and in
consuancie continue th^y childeⁿ to our liues end,
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hast redeemed them. For these things, and what
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Christ, saying as he hath taught vs thus.

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PINIS. *Et. amen.*
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Question.



What is G O D ?

Answer.

A Spirite.

Question.

**Why doest thou not saye
he is Almighty, Eternal, Omnipotent,
Inuisible, conteyning all, and not con-
teyned ?**

Answer. All this I do cōfesse. But
I answer simply as Christ sayth: Iohn
4. The substance of God is Spiritual, and
not Carnall.

Question. How is Man then sayde
to be the Image of God ?

Answer. It is spoken of the prin-
cipall part of Man, which is his Soule,
whiche the Apostle sayeth is created in
the true likenesse of God, in righteous-
nesse and holynesse: so is it like God, be-
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ing both immortall and spirituall a
God is.

Question. Then is the Soule of
man of one nature and substance
with God?

Answer. No, it is a substance spi-
rituall, created of God, infused into mā,
and it is immortall.

Question. How is God to be wor-
shipped?

Answer. In Spirit and Truth.

Question. How in Spirite?

Answer. With a deuoute minde, a
faithfull heart, in a spirituall manner,
not with earthly affection.

Question. Howe then must hee bee
worshipped in Truth?

Answer. That is, according to his
holy will in his Word, not according
to mans fantasie.

Question. Howe if in worshipping
of God we be not myndfull of hym in
our Prayers?

Answer. Then it is bayne (sayeth
Christ) to worship him with our lippes
and oure heartes farre from hym, and
without we pray in Spirite, Prayer
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And Answeres.

penayles not, neyther dothe it pearce
the eares of God.

Quest. Then a faithfull & deuout mind
is specially required in prayer?

Ans. It is so, which God for Chyistes
sake graunt vnto vs.

Quest. What is Chyist?

Answer. Perfecte God, and perfecte
man.

Quest. Howe doest thou knowe he is
God?

Ans. Bycause he is equall wyth hys
father.

Quest. Howe knowest thou he is e-
quall with his father?

Ans. Bycause he sayth, I and the Fa-
ther are one, also Paule sayth, He being
equall with his Father, tooke vpon hym
the shape of a seruant.

Quest. How doest thou know that he
is man?

Ans. Bycause he tooke naturall fleshe
of the virgin Mary, and was concey-
ued by the holy Ghost withoute sinne,
and in that naturall body dyed a most
paynesfull deathe to redeeme vs from
our synnes (as the Apostle sayeth:)

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He came into the world to saue sinners.

Question. What is the Catholique Church?

Answer. It is a congregation of all faithfull men, dispersed thzoughout the whole world, amongst whome the pure word of God is pzeachd, and the sacraments are ministred, according to Chzistes institution.

Question. Art thou the child of God?

Answer. I am.

Question. By Nature, or by Grace?

Answer. Not by Nature, for so we are the children of Gods wrath.

Quest. How knowest thou that thou art the child of God by Grace?

Ans. Bycause he hath given the earnest of his spirit into our hearts, which crieth *Abba Pater*, whiche spirite witnesseth to oure spirite, that we are the sonnes of God.

Question. Is not this presumption for a sinner to say he is Gods sonne?

Ans. It is no presumption so to say, so it be holpe presumption to call oure selues Gods children, from the testimonie of a good conscience, seing Chzist hath
willed

And Answeres.

Willed vs in prayer to call his Father
our Father.

Question. Of what substance is the
holy Ghost?

Answer. A Spirituall substance
as God is.

Question. Of what nature?

Answer. Being God, one of nature
with God.

Question. Then the holy Ghost is
God?

Answer. He is so.

Question. Thē there be threē Gods,
as God the Father, God the Sonne,
and God the holy Ghost?

Answer. No, the distinction is in
person, not in deitie, as the Catholique
sayth teacheth vs. The conclusion ther-
fore is, that God y^e Father is our Crea-
tor, Christ in his person is our Redē-
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both, is oure sanctifyer, and procédes
from them, euen as lighte and heate
from the Sonne, and yet so lightneth
the whole Worlde, that it remayneth
still with God, and is very God.

Question. What is a Sacramente?

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Answer. It is a visible signe of an invisible grace, as for example, the water wherewith the childe is baptised, is the visible signe of the invisible grace of God, by whose grace these our sinnes be cleansed by Christes blood, so likewise the Sacramental Bread & Wine do signifie to vs y^e body of Iesus Christ naturally and truly, his body broken, & his blood shed vpon y^e crosse for our saluatiō.

Question. According to this definition, Sacramentes be infinite. Let me knowe why Baptisme and the Lordes Supper are only allowed Sacramentes in the Church?

Answer. Bycause they be cōmanded by Gods worde, & haue promises of grace and saluation annexed vnto thē.

Question. Do Sacraments of themselves conferre grace?

Answer. No, but God doth by them exhibit graces vnto vs, for Iohn sayeth, We Baptise with Water, we minister the outward signes, but it is Christ whiche doth Baptise with the holy Ghost: and by the outward Elementes by vs ministered we do confirme the inward grace which

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Which is given by God.

Quest. What be those graces that be conferred from God to vs by these sacraments?

Ans. Regeneration of life, increase of spirituall blessings, forgiveness of sinnes, and life euerlasting.

Quest. Then of necessitie all are not saved which participate Baptisme and the Lords Supper?

Ans. So many are saved as are partakers of the inuisible graces, whereof the Sacraments are visible signes.

Quest. How if a child borne of believing parents, be prevented with death before Baptisme, and so receyue not the visible signe?

Answer. It is most requisite that we endenour to offer them to publique Baptisme by all meanes lawful, otherwise if we be hindered by some necessity not to be shunned, yet we oughte to perswade our selues that they are saved by the inuisible grace, bycause the children of faithfull believing parents, are receiued in the conenant, and may be sanctified in their mothers wombes.

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Quest.

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Question. Then what needeth Baptisme?

Answer. It is of great necessitie for the commaundements sake, conteyned in the eight and twentieth of Mathew: and to refuse it, is to despise the ordinance of God, for although he worke sometime without all meanes, yet must not we cease to vse the meanes appointed, when we are in a Christian Church, and may haue them, that is, to Baptise the whole World in the name of the Father, of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost.

Question. Haue you no further reason for the vse of Baptisme?

Answer. That is said, is sufficient: yet I doe say further, it is the pledge of Gods couenant made with vs, and the visible signe of oure adoption that wee are his by Grace and Faith in Christ, and the visible marke, whereby wee are knownen from the vncircumcised for.

Question. What is Faith?

Answer. It is a sure trust in God, and in Jesus Christ our Lorde, and a
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And Answeres.

certaintie of things promised by God,
whiche can not otherwise be discerned,
than with the eye of Faith.

Question. Whence commeth Faith?

Answer. It is the gifte of God, as
Paule sayth in the second to the Ephes.
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not of our selues, it is the gift of G O D.

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Answer. It doth Iustifie.

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These Questions are briefly collected out of the former, for the help of such as in a short summe are desirous to learne by hearte the chiefe principles of Christian Religion.

Question.

What is God?

Answer.

God is a Spirite.

Quest. How must he be worshipped?

Ans. In Spirite and truth.

Quest. What is Iesus Chzist?

Ans. Chzist is perfect God and perfect Man.

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Ans. Bycause he is equall with his Father.

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And Answeres.

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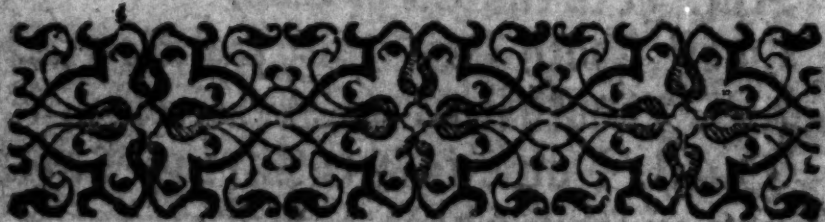
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